

*In Loving Memory Of*



*Theo Bigby*  
*"Benny"*

**September 5, 1941 - October 31, 2019**

*Service*

*Saturday, November 9, 2019 - 12:00 p.m.*

**Unity Funeral Chapels, Inc.**

**1406 Pitkin Avenue • Brooklyn, New York**

*Bishop Joseph Crooms, Officiating*

## Obituary

**Theo Bigby** was born September 5, 1941 in Anderson, South Carolina to Matthew Bigby and Sadie Mae Bigby. Sadie Bigby passed away when Theo was just 2 years old and his father Matthew remarried and he and his older brothers were raised by the only Mother they could remember, their Mama; Henrietta Jones Bigby. The family continued to grow as the years went by. Theo passed away on Thursday 10/31/19 at 10:16 am at Brookdale Hospital in Brooklyn, NY. He was 78 years old.

Theo or “Benny” as he was called moved to New York in 1962 where he met and married Marguerite “Rita” Sligh. They later divorced but to this union Jeffrey, Samantha and Shetocqua were born.

Theo worked for Triangle Services at JFK airport for over 35 years. He met and married his companion of almost 40 years Joann Birch Bigby. To this union Brian was born and Stepson Robert. “Jo” as Theo affectionally called her has been by his side in sickness and in health, through the good times and bad!

Theo was a simple man. He enjoyed hanging out in the parking lot of Howard Houses with his buddies, watching his Westerns and playing his daily numbers. He would frequently hit the number but every time you asked him about it he would say “I’m broke I aint got no money” LOL

We will miss him dearly! He leaves to mourn his wife Joann Birch-Bigby; his children Jeffrey Bigby, Samantha Bigby, Shetocqua Bigby, Brian Bigby and stepson Robert Birch. His Daughter in law Jaqueta Oliver Bigby. Grandchildren Jeffrey Jr, Natecia, Briana (deceased), TayLa, JeQuan, Jahmari, Savannah and 4 great grandchildren! His mother Henrietta Jones Bigby. His surviving siblings Willie James Bigby/Mattie, Rosa Johnson/Wilbert, Calvin Bigby/Helen, Birdie Clinkscales/Franklin, Mary Johnson/Jessie, David Bigby, Robert Bigby/Debbie, Theresa Bigby, Michael Bigby/Vanette, Patricia Ward/Neal. Sister-N-Laws LaRue Bigby, Carolyn Bigby, Sarah Birch and Gracie Birch. A host of nephews, nieces, other relatives and many friends.

Theo was preceded in death by his father Matthew Bigby; and five brothers Odell Bigby, Ralph Bigby, Donnie Bigby, Mackie Bigby and Charles Bigby. They are reunited and probably planning a big ole fishing trip with each other!



## *Order of Service*

**Processional**

**Selection**

**Scripture Readings**

**Prayer**

**Selection**

**Acknowledgements**

**Remarks**

**Obituary**

**Selection**

**Eulogy**

**Committal**

**Viewing**

**Recessional**

## *Inurnment*

The Green-Wood Crematory  
Brooklyn, New York

# *Miss Me, But Let Me Go*

*When I come to the end of the  
road and the sun has set for me,  
I want no rites in a gloom filled room,  
Why cry for a soul set free?  
Miss me a little-but not too long,  
and not with your head bowed low.  
Remember the love that we once shared,  
Miss me-but let me go.  
For this is a journey that we all must take,  
And each must go alone.  
It's all part of the Master's plan,  
A step on the road to home.  
When you are lonely and sick at heart,  
Go to the friends we know.  
Laugh at the things we use to do  
Miss me-but let me go.*

*-author unknown*



## *Acknowledgement*

*The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour. May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.*

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